GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2989
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Tihar Mein Aish Karta tha Masud Ajhar` appearing in Hindustan dated January 18, 2000;

(b) whether the Government have made or propose to make any enquiry by the Central Vigilance Committee in this regard;

(c) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) Whether many imprisoned notorious terrorists leading a luxurious life in the Central Jails including Tihar Jail;

(e) Whether the Government propose to conduct any inquiry in this regard; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDAYASAGAR RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir. However, the allegations made in the said news-items are not correct.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d): No such incident has been noticed in Central Jail, Tihar. However, as regards the jails in States, the matters relating to `prison` are included in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and the prison administration vests with the State Government concerned. Any specific complaint or instance of irregularity, as and when received, is forwarded to State Government concerned for appropriate action.

(e) & (f): Does not arise.